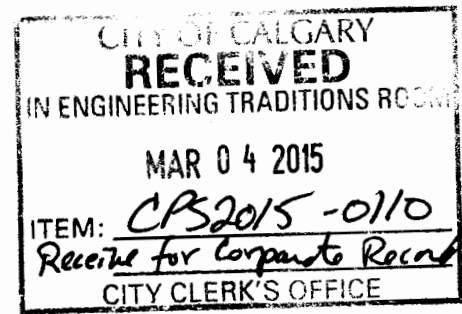


SUMMARY PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2015



PARTICIPANT PROFILE – TARGETS GREATEST NEED

Data from the 2013-2014 report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator for Canada¹ tells us that:

- “At the time of admission, 80% of federally sentenced offenders have a serious substance abuse problem”;
- “Over half reported that alcohol or drug use was a factor in the commission of their offence”;
- “...inmate population have extensive and multiple needs in other areas, primarily health, education, and employment.”

This is the specific population we serve.

EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH

CDTC addresses the problems that perpetuate an addictive and criminal lifestyle in four key ways:

1. Addiction treatment
2. Programming to address criminal patterns of thinking
3. Case Management to address case-specific barriers to achieving a crime-free lifestyle
4. CPIP Employment and Advancement Program

All four of these components are based in evidence and we see the impact of them every day.

Controlled studies show that all core DTC outcomes are improved by having a dedicated employment program, including recidivism, substance abuse, and employment.

OUTCOMES

Employment-specific

Of the 57% of current participants eligible for employment:

- 100% are currently employed
- 56% have kept one job and 38% held same job for 7 months or more
- The most common reasons for changing jobs are: not enough hours to make ends meet; and offered a better job i.e. higher position, better pay
- 5 employers have held jobs for participants while they attended a month of more of addiction treatment, or spent a period of time in Remand

¹ Annual Report of the Correctional Investigator of Canada. (2013-2014). <http://www.oci-bec.gc.ca/cnt/rpt/pdf/annrpt/annrpt20132014-eng.pdf>

Crime Prevention – Impact on Recidivism

Again this year, CDTC gathered pre-post data on criminal convictions for the same 22 graduates presented last year. For these graduates who were at 28 months post-graduation on average, at the time the data was gathered:

- Pre-program convictions = 794
- Post-graduation convictions = 48 convictions (63% of post-program convictions are of the administrative type i.e. breach of probation conditions)
- 7 of 10 graduates had no new convictions

Increase in Numbers Served

This year (September 2013 - August, 2014) CDTC increased the number of participants admitted to the program by 77 % over the previous one year period.

COST AVOIDANCE AND COST SAVINGS

Incarceration – Cost Avoidance

As you know, the cost of incarceration is high. According to the latest report by the Correctional Investigator of Canada:

- “The average cost to keep an inmate incarcerated is \$117,788 per year;; and
- “Federally sentenced offenders are increasingly serving longer portions of their sentence behind bars”².

All CDTC participants face 1-3 years’ incarceration. This means that for every participant who is successful in our program, a minimum of \$117,000 is avoided in the cost of incarceration alone.

Cost in Stolen Goods – Cost Savings

This year we began asking participants to report the weekly cost they incurred to purchase drugs prior to admission. On average participants report a cost of \$3,450 per week to feed their drug addiction. Applying an estimated street value of stolen goods at 1/5, this indicates an average cost savings of \$17,250 per week or \$897,000 per year for each participant who is successful in the program and who used theft/Break and Enter as their primary means of income to purchase drugs.

This is not just cost avoidance, but actual cost savings to the community.

² Ibid